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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
PLANNING DIVISION
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PERMIT APPLICATION FOR: (check one of the following)

☐ Lot Split ☒ Special Use Permit ☐ Site Plan
☐ Lot Line Revisions ☐ Subdivision ☐ Building Line

1134-R1-16
File # _____ Application Fee \$350 Surcharge Fee \$60 Date Received 7.15.16
Street Address aka 7, 15 & 17 BERKSHIRE ROAD 1358 BERKSHIRE ROAD
Lot or Parcel # _____ Acreage/Lot Area .54 Zone R-6

Applicant's Interest in Property: NEW OWNERS

Brief Description of Proposed Activity: REDRAW LOT LINES AND INCORPORATE
ALL UNDER SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR WH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The undersigned warrants the truth of all statements contained herein and in all supporting documents to the best of his/her knowledge and belief. Furthermore, the applicant agrees that submission of this document constitutes permission and consent to Commission and Staff inspections of the site. Note: Notice is hereby given the Connecticut Department of Public Health must be notified by applicants for any project located within a public water supply aquifer protection area or watershed area. (CTDPH website at <http://www.dph.state.ct.us>)

WEST HARTFORD UNITED METHODIST Church SAME
Record Owner's Name Applicant's Name

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Name Applicant's Signature

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July 14, 2016

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Subject: Extending Special Use Permit for the West Hartford United Methodist Church to 15 / 17 Berkshire Road

The West Hartford United Methodist Church would like to apply to extend our Special Use Permit to property recently acquired at 15 and 17 Berkshire Road that is adjacent to our parking lot. The parking lot makes a 90 degree turn behind this property that was heavily wooded, and the main purpose for this acquisition was to improve security by creating direct sightlines from the building to our rear parking area as it has been subject to dumping and cars hanging out in the past.

Our plan for the property is to make it an open green space that will be incorporated into our church grounds. It will be the only grassy area that we have that is not bordered by I-84 or New Britain Avenue. We would like to put a gazebo in the southwest corner of 15 Berkshire for aesthetic purposes, and we plan to install landscaped islands on the east and west edges of these lots in the same theme as our current landscaping.

Since the church had to purchase the two building lots at market prices, these were not a gift, we are requesting that the town leave them as recognized building lots on the books. Although we have no plans to sell them, if the church hit hard times, it would be an option to resell them with them both already subdivided. Also, since both are oversized for R-6 zoning, we would like to redraw the back lot lines by 50' and incorporate that into our current 7 Berkshire Road property. The proposed gazebo will be on this back 50'. If it is required, we are prepared to install a fence along the 17 / 19 Berkshire Road property line.

Thank you for your consideration of our proposal.

Sincerely,

Ken Shuskus

President of Trustees

West Hartford United Methodist Church

